

Share Unused Braille Library Books with Other Students in Missouri

If a school has purchased braille books that are not textbooks for a student who has outgrown them or moved away, they may either send them to the MSB Library Media Center to become part of that collection so that other students around the state may borrow them, or put the titles on a Braille Book Exchange List.

MSB Library Media Center Collection for State-wide Loan

- The books will be added to the MSB Library Media Center's collection for use by all Missouri students who read Braille.
- Due to space restrictions, not all braille books can be added to the collection. Before sending books to the MSB Library Media Center, please send a list of the titles to the MSB Librarian, Mary Dingus, either by email or mail, to see whether or not they are needed in the collection. Mary.Dingus@msb.dese.mo.gov or 3815 Magnolia Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110
- Books that are likely to be accepted are:
 - of good quality (no broken spines or marked up pages; no known errors in the Braille)
 - classic titles that are always in demand
 - popular new titles, especially those that are not produced in Braille by National Library Service (NLS)
- Books that will probably not be accepted for the library collection are:
 - titles of which there are already several duplicates in the collection
 - free series books that students receive from American Action Fund for Blind Children (the collection already has 2 – 3 copies of each)
 - from Center for Braille and Narration Production (CBNP) because these books may be easily acquired for very little or no cost. An exception may be made for books that are popular new titles that students want to read or that are classic, high-demand titles.

Braille Book Exchange List

Books that are not accepted into the MSB library's braille book collection for loan to students throughout Missouri may have their titles added to a Braille Book Exchange list that can be emailed to any interested educators in Missouri. Titles of books can be added to the list along with the name of the person to contact and their contact information. Educators can then make direct contact with one another and send books directly to the person who wants them. The MSB librarian will keep the list up to date but will need for those who use the exchange list to update her on which titles to add or remove from the list.

Unwanted Braille Books

If there are braille books that no one in Missouri wants, there are some agencies overseas that would like to have braille books in English and individuals may want to send them there, Free Matter for the Blind. Contact the MSB Librarian for addresses and contact information.

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